

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The recycling schedule pickup for Wednesday, Jan. 14, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



Flu shots at KUSAHC

The annual Influenza Immunization Program is in progress at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

Flu shots are being offered to all TRICARE beneficiaries in the Immunization Clinic at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic on a walk-in basis.

Contact the Immunization Clinic at 410-278-1746 for clinic hours during the upcoming holiday schedule.

At this time, flu shots are not being administered to DoD civilian employees. Civilian employees are encouraged to obtain a flu shot from their primary care provider or another civilian source.

Weight Watchers meets for lunch

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings continue on post with the newest program from Weight Watchers - FlexPoints.

FlexPoints makes losing weight in the real world easier. Get 11 weeks for the price of 10.

Lunchtime Weight Watchers meetings are open to all APG civilian personnel, retirees, military personnel and family members.

For more information, call 410-278-1151.

APG commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Aberdeen Proving Ground will commemorate the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Jan. 14, at the Edgewood Area Starke Recreation Center, building E-4140. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Walter Henry, Walter Henry, a DoD employee and local pastor in Elkton, Md.

Breakfast is available from 7:15 to 8 a.m. for \$1.70 at the Edgewood Area Dining Facility, building E-4225, across from the gymnasium.

For more information, call Linda Patrick at 410-436-1023, Capt. Justin Curry at 410-436-7406, Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Serino at 410-278-1534, or Master Sgt. Arbel Connor at 410-278-2529.

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Early morning road closures

Motorists entering the installation prior to 6:30 a.m. may notice barricades or road guards prohibiting access to certain roads on the post.

The barricades or road guards protect the approved physical training, or PT, running routes for Soldiers between 5:30 and 6:30 a.m., Monday through Friday.

If this impacts your morning travel, I recommend you adjust your route or arrival time, said Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison commander.

"Safety is the issue here," she said. "If in doubt about passing a formation, drivers should stop and await directions from the person in charge of the formation."

In the Aberdeen Area, Boothby Hill Avenue and all roads south of Boothby Hill

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Photo by DIANE BURRIER

Aberdeen Proving Ground was hit with more than two feet of snow Feb. 14 to 17. The post remained closed except for essential personnel Feb. 18 and schools were closed the entire week.



Photo by TOM VINCENTI

A wind-whipped tree and a "No Swimming" sign near the Spesutie Island Boat Club are engulfed in the rising waters of Skippers Point as Tropical Storm Isabel pounds Aberdeen Proving Ground Sept. 18.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Company A, 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion returned to APG in July after a six month deployment supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Military spouse Marinella Griffith and her husband enjoy their first embrace upon the unit's return July 14.

APG looks back at 2003

War, weather and troop movements mark the year

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

While looking forward to the year ahead, the APG News takes a look back at the stories that affected the community in 2003.

January

Aberdeen Proving Ground receives honorable mention in the 2nd Annual Army Times "Best Post" Award program, receiving much praise from Army Times readers.

Pvt. William C. Harrison III completed the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School's Wheel Vehicle Repair 11-week course in only 18 days.

Dr. Charles Lee Francis, Ph.D., Aberdeen Test Center's Instrumentation Development Team receives a patent for his development of an improved system for recording the impact of ballistic tests.

Senior legal assistant, Katherine A. Williams, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, is selected as a special honoree in the National Notary Association's Notary of the Year award program for 2003.

Elements of the 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion deploy to Southwest Asia to join war effort.

Command Sgt. Maj. Edith R. Crofts

becomes the first female commandant of the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School

Noncommissioned Officer Academy, and Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel F. Torres assumes Croft's position as Command Sergeant Major of the 61st Ordnance Brigade in a dual Change of Responsibility ceremony, Jan. 22.

Lt. Col. Gerald L. Gladney assumes command of the Edgewood Chemical Activity. The former commander, Maj. William P. Huber is assigned to the Kuwait National Defense Force as a senior chemical advisor.

A \$38 million contract is awarded for the construction of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center's Advanced Chemical Laboratory on the Edgewood Area of APG.

ECBC technical director, Jim Zarzycki receives the Presidential Rank Award for 2002, conferred by President George W. Bush. Zarzycki is one of 293 members of the Senior Executive Service to receive the rank of Meritorious Executive.

Dr. Frank Reid III, senior pastor of Baltimore's Bethel A.M.E. Church, is the guest speaker for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observance at the Post Theater Jan. 16.

February

The Directorate of Law

Enforcement and Security names Daniel Rodriguez the APG Police Officer of the Year for 2002.

The Community Recreation and Business Programs staff wins the international Learning Resources Network award for recreation programming.

U.S. Army Environmental Center employees David Guldenzopf receives the Department of the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award and George Robitaille receives the Commander's Award for Civilian Service from assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, Maj. Gen. Larry J. Lust.

Headquarters Support Troop wins its first bench press championship with a team of only five people, two females and three males.

APG biologists announce that the APG eagle count reaches a record high of 250 birds, double that of the previous year.

Local Girl Scouts from Brownie Troop 54 and Junior Troop 2025 donate 100 Kibby bears to APG's emergency responders and the Upper Chesapeake Hospital pediatric and family birthing wards.

Baltimore Ravens coach Brian Billick is the featured speaker for a leadership presentation in conjunction with the Directorate of Information

Management's Consideration of Others (CO2) training at the Post Theater, Feb. 11.

A winter storm dumps more than two feet of snow on the area, closing the installation for four days. About 30 employees from the Directorate of Installation Operations work from Saturday to Tuesday clearing main roads and parking lots so employees can return to work Wednesday.

During the Youth of the Quarter and Year Awards ceremony held Feb. 11, Natosha L. Sharp is named the Edgewood Area Youth of the Quarter and Year and Jacqueline Cook is named the Aberdeen Area Youth of the Year.

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate celebrates the expansion of the Consolidated Tax Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Jan. 31.

The Department of the Army announces the formation of the Chemical Materials Agency (Provisional) and names Michael Parker, Soldier and Biological Chemical Command's deputy commander, the acting director.

Anti-war activists from the group "Rooting Out Evil" stage a demonstration at the Edgewood Area's Route 24 gate before being dispersed by Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security officers.

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Commissary officials sensitive to beef concerns

Bonnie Powell

Army News Service

Officials at the Defense Commissary Agency are closely monitoring the ever-changing situation involving a case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), also known as "mad cow" disease, identified Dec. 23 in a single cow in Washington state.

Since Dec. 23 the U.S. Department of Agriculture has conducted a limited recall of 10,000 pounds of beef that may originate from the infected cow and from cows slaughtered at the same time and location.

"No beef in any of our 275 commissaries worldwide has been involved in a USDA recall," said Col. Mark Wolken, chief of public health, safety and security for DeCA. "The USDA has stated that the U.S. beef supply is safe and that the beef recall resulted from an abundance of caution, not fear

that the meat is infected. Should the USDA make a determination that there is a danger, DeCA would be first to react to protect the health of our customers," he said. Since the first U.S. case of BSE was identified Dec. 23, commissary customers have raised questions about the safety of beef purchased at their local commissary. Questions range from "should I return the ground beef I bought last week?" to "has my commissary received meat from the infected cow?" The answer to both questions is "no" said Wolken, an Army veterinarian.

"As is always the case, customers who wish to return commissary products for a full refund may do so without question. The brain, spinal cord, and lower intestine - where the protein or 'prion' that is believed to cause BSE is found - is not generally

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Tax benefits increase for military families

Tax Center opens Feb. 2

Sandi Williams

OSJA

The new Military Family Tax Relief Act, signed into law by President Bush on Nov. 11, 2003, allows for increased tax benefits for military families.

Anyone needing more information on the changes can visit the APG Tax Assistance Center opening Feb. 2 in building 310 or call the Legal Assistance Office at 3-1583/1584.

Increase in amount of death gratuity, exclusion

The death gratuity payable to the beneficiary of a member of the armed forces who dies while on active duty, while on inactive duty training, or while engaged in authorized travel has increased from \$6,000 to \$12,000. Additionally, the excludable amount of the military death benefit has been increased to \$12,000. These increases are in effect for deaths occurring after Sep. 10, 2001. Previously, only \$3,000 of the \$6,000 was tax-free.

Exclusion of gain from sale of a principal residence

Normally, the taxpayer must have owned and used their home as a principal residence for a minimum of two years of the five-year ownership-and-use period before the sale of their home to be able to exclude \$250,000 (\$500,000 if MFJ) of the gain. If the taxpayer, or the spouse, is serving on qualified official extended duty as a member of the uniformed services or the Foreign Services of the United States, they may elect to suspend the five-year ownership-and-use period. The suspension period is up to 10 years and only applies to one property per suspension period.

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Watch card

Observe and report:

- Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance.
- Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capabilities, limitations, or operational information.
- Unusual vehicles operating in or around the installation.
- Unusual phone calls, messages, or e-mails.
- Unusual contacts, on or off post.
- Unusual aerial activity near or around installation.
- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.

Report any suspicious activity immediately to DOD Police:

Aberdeen Area 410-306-2222
Edgewood Area 410-436-2222
Off post in Maryland, call 1-800-492-TIPS (8477).
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2003

From front page

James F. O’Bryan, former deputy assistant to the Secretary of Defense, is the guest speaker at APG’s National Prayer Breakfast observance Feb. 12 at Top of the Bay.

Army spouse Margaret McLean wins the USA Powerlifting Women’s National Powerlifting Championship in Killeen, Texas. **March**

KUSAHC announces that APG drinking water is well within the limits established by the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Act.

Hundreds attend the 30th Annual Wilbert Davis Gospel Night celebration, hosted by the Ordnance Center and Schools, at the Post Theater Feb. 23.

ATC technical director James Fasig receives the Walter W. Hollis Award for Lifetime Achievement in Defense and Test Evaluation from the National Defense Industrial Association.

Ordnance Center and Schools receives national accreditation for its metalworking program from the National Metalworking Skills, Inc. during a March 6 ceremony at the Ball Conference Center.

APG family member and dirt bike racer Aaron Diamond, 13, takes fifth place in the Virginia Championship Hare Scramble Series’ 12-to-15-year-old category.

Shirley Caesar, the first lady of gospel, entertains more than 600 fans during an MWR-sponsored concert at the Post Theater March 8.

Robert Krauer, APG provost marshal, awards DLES coins of excellence to members of the Army Reserve’s 324th Military Police Battalion who controlled three emergency incidents on the installation.

Maryland Rep. C.A. “Dutch” Ruppersberger learns more about the ATC mission, programs and capabilities during a tour March 3.

ATC breaks ground for its new Climatic Firing Facility during a Feb. 20 ceremony led by Col. Mary Brown, ATC commander.

Pennsylvania legislator and Army reservist Capt. John Pippy processes for deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom through APG with the 332nd Engineer Company.

APG weightlifters Edgar Bautista, Anthony King, Matt Long, Robert Pope and Margaret McLean, take first place wins during the World Natural Power Lifting Federation competition in Edison, N.J., March 1.

April

Command Sgt. Maj. Edith Crofts, commandant, OMMS Noncommissioned Officer Academy, is the guest speaker at the OC&S Women’s History Month Observance.

DLES advises readers to think about Operational Security, better known as OPSEC, before releasing personal and troop information outside the DoD.

The Francis Scott Key Chapter of the International Test and Evaluation Association presents awards for significant achievements in support of the Army and other governmental programs to retired Brig. Gen Dean Ertwine; Dr. Gregory Schultz, Test and Evaluation Professional of the Year; and Michael Janus, Young Test and Evaluation Professional Award.

APG lifter Matt Long, DLES, breaks national record, bench-pressing 415 pounds in the 198-pound category during the World Natural Powerlifting Federation national competition in Beaver Falls, Pa., March 22.

The Darlington-Dublin VFW Post 10146 presents a USO variety show and raises \$500 to support troops through Operation Uplink.



Members of the 115th Military Police Battalion, a Maryland Army National Guard unit from Salisbury, pose as Prisoners of War during a training exercise in preparation for deployment Iraq in March.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

From left to right, honor guard members Earl Lipscomb, Evelyn Anderson, Fred Posadas, and Warren Ferger, veterans from Aberdeen’s VFW Post 10028 march past the Moving Wall display during the closing ceremony at Harford Community College April 19.

Members of the 115th Military Police Battalion depart APG for Iraq.

APG Garrison hosts the monthly retirement ceremony for four retirees. They are Sgts 1st Class Ismael Martinez and Darryl L. Taylor, OMMS; William Childers, SBCCOM; and Sadie B. Hose, Directorate of Community and Family Activities.

Members of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine deployed in Iraq conduct environmental health assessments and advise commanders on occupational and environmental health hazards.

American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 in Rising Sun donates \$1,300 toward the purchase of calling cards for OMMS service members.

Sgt. Ann Mazur, a soldier with the Army Reserve’s 400th Military Police Battalion and sixth grade teacher at Providence Elementary School in Fairfax, Va. is named educator of the year by the Fairfax Noonday Optimists during a ceremony in Fairfax, Va., April 10.

The destruction of the bulk mustard agent stockpile at APG begins April 23 under the accelerated program implemented following the Sept. 11, 2001.

Local designers and models participate in the first MWR Spring Gospel and Fashion Show held at the AA Recreation Center April 12.

Company E, 16th Ordnance Battalion wins the intramural 3-on-3 basketball tournament, beating HHC 143rd, 16-9.

May

APG organizations and military units participate in the annual Earth Day observance at Swan Harbor Farms in Havre de Grace April 19.

Non-Appropriated Funds announces its employees of the year during a ceremony at Top of the Bay April 2. The first place winners are administrative: Polly Scott, NAF personnel office; trades and crafts: (tie) Hattie Sanford, EA Recreation Center and Bessie Perry, Bowling Center; Para-professional: Donna Coyne, Community Recreation Program Branch; supervisory: Joyce Founds, director, CRD Recreation Centers.

During Ordnance Week activities marking the 191st anniversary of the Ordnance Corps, eleven are inducted into the Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame and artist Don Stivers unveils his latest painting, “Service on Time.”

The Installation Safety Division, DSHE, partners with the Safety Council of Maryland to present a monthly traffic safety program for military and civilian personnel.

APG Federal Credit Union employees send 70 packages of toiletries and snacks to staff family members serving in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and Korea.

Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion wins the intramural deadlift competition April 26 at the AA Athletic Center. The U.S. Marine Corps Detachment comes in second and Headquarters Support Troop and Company E 16th tie for third.

The DLES joins more than 12,000 law enforcement agencies in the nationwide “Click it or ticket” campaign promoting air

bag and seatbelt safety during National Police Week.

James C. Wyda, Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland, is the guest speaker at the annual Law Day luncheon at Top of the Bay May 1.

May retirees during the monthly Retirement Ceremony held April 30 include Master Sgt. Vincent McDowell, OMMS; M. Louise Ewing, DTC; and Bonnie S. Bromley, SBCCOM.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, is the guest speaker at the Women’s Army Corps Veterans’ Association Chesapeake Beacon Chapter 114 61st anniversary celebration at the Four Points Sheraton in Aberdeen May 3.

Army and Bechtel Aberdeen teams investigate the cause of alarms sounding at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility during the mustard agent stockpile neutralization process.

The Army Community Service holds a Military Spouse Appreciation Luncheon to celebrate the spouses of APG.

Hundreds visit The Moving Wall, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, at Harford Community College, April 17 to 20. The Vietnam Veterans of America Harford County Chapter #588 brought the display to the community.

APG Garrison announces that the Directorate of Installation Operations is one step closer to implementing its Most Efficient Organization, as the A-76 Commercial Activities Study Source Selection Evaluation Board and Source Selection Activity has determined that no technically acceptable bids were received.

The ECBC holds a groundbreaking ceremony for its new Advanced Chemistry Laboratory May 9.

Holocaust survivor Rubin Sztajer is the guest speaker at the annual Days of Remembrance ceremony held April 29 at the Post Theater.

Lt. Gen. Richard A. Hack, deputy commanding general and chief of staff, U.S. Army Materiel Command, is the reviewing officer for the 2003 Anniversary Review during the Ordnance Week observance.

The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center holds a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Roadway Simulator, the world’s largest automotive flat track simulator. Sen. Paul Sarbanes and Dr. John Foulkes, director of the Test and Evaluation Management Agency, are guest speakers.

The ECBC is awarded the Lockheed Martin Homeland Security Center award at the Federal Office Systems Exposition 2003 conference for its homeland defense application of its Biological Aerosol Warning System technology known as the Chemical, Biological, Radiological Early Warning System or CBREWS.

The U.S. Army Environmental Center and Fort Bragg receive the North Carolina Conservation Leadership Award from the state’s chapter of The Nature Conservancy May 3 for extraordinary contributions having a lasting impact on conservation in the state.

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Closure

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will be closed to vehicular traffic. This includes all of Combat Drive, Student Drive, Jayhawk Road, Convoy Road, Pistol Road, School Road and

all roads confined in this sector, except for access to work areas within the 5400 block at the Darlington Street intersection.

This policy went into effect Jan. 5, and allows only emergency vehicles access to the PT routes during those hours.

In the Edgewood Area, there will be four PT routes. The starting point for all routes is building E-4223 at the 143d Ordnance Battalion.

The first route is Wise Road between Austin and Magnolia and then return to the battalion. Wise road will be closed to vehicular traffic during this time.

The second route is east on Austin Road to the intersection of Otto Road and south on Otto and north onto Ricketts Point Road. The turn-around point will be at South Kingscreek Road parking lot, then returning to the battalion. Signs will be posted warning motorists of PT on this route, as traffic will be permitted.

The third route is west on Austin to the intersection with Hoadley Road. Then left on Hoadley heading to the closed gate and return to the battalion.

The fourth route is west on Austin, past the chapel and family housing, to the intersection with Junkin Road. Then right onto Junkin and around the loop near Capa Field, continuing back on Junkin to the merge with Jessup Road and then back onto Austin heading towards the battalion area.

Drivers are warned not to go beyond the barricades and not to pass troop formations in their lanes of traffic.

APG News

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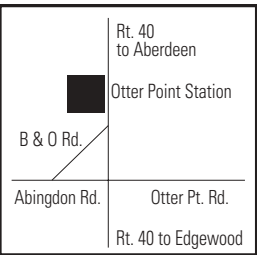
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From left, Korean War Veterans Association members Jack Taylor and Raymond Roszak light candles in honor of "those who have passed on to Post Everlasting" during the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice ceremony at American Legion Post #47 in Havre de Grace July 26.

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June

Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby takes over as the APG Garrison's top noncommissioned officer during a ceremony at Top of the Bay, May 29. Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald V. Stallings retires after a 30-year career.

The May 17 Armed Forces Day celebration is held at Ripken Stadium and includes military displays, a concert by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), a performance by the Maryland Army National Guard Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Drill Team, and remarks by Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and SBCCOM.

The U.S. Army Developmental Test Command unveils the sign for the new Combined Test Organization for Future Combat Systems to be headed by Dr. David C. Brown during a ceremony for the new office May 15.

The 2003 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony honors its volunteers of the year during a ceremony at Top of the Bay, May 2. Volunteers of the year include Sgt. Maj. Frederick Hurley, military; Judy Hannon, family member; Ann Thacker, civilian; Clarence Weaver, retiree; and Aaron Diamond, youth.

The Harford County Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee salutes APG during the 26th Military Appreciation Luncheon at Top of the Bay May 22.

Col. Kone Brugh III, OC&S; Col. Walter E. Egerton III, CHPPM; and Staff Sgt. Paul Schoenberger, OMMS, retire from the Army in May.

Office Eagle holds its first annual Customer Appreciation Luncheon at its AA and EA facilities, May 21 and 23.

The APG Military and Civilian Spouse's Club donates \$5,000 to local community, including \$2,900 in college scholarships.

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic celebrates its 40th anniversary. Dr. Rosemary Hatem Bonsack, a former staff member and former member of the Maryland General Assembly, and Kirk Brumfield, great-nephew of Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, the former commander for whom the facility is named, are guest speakers.

APG School-Age Services announces the winners of the 2003 Image Makers photography contest. The winners are Celena Core, Brushay Johnson-Lee, Desiree Jones, Ayana Stewart, and Sarah Boatman.

The APG community bids farewell to the units of Task Force Legend for Operation Noble Eagle II during a ceremony at Fanshaw Field, June 10. The departing units include Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 246th Field Artillery from Danville, Va.; Battery A, 1st Battalion, 246th Field Artillery, of Martinsville, Va.; Battery C, 1st Battalion, 246th Field Artillery, from South Boston, Va.; and Battery E, 11th Field Artillery,

Sandstone, Va. The units replaced the National Guardsmen and reservists of Noble Eagle I who arrived shortly after Sept. 11, 2001.

APG salutes the Army's 228th birthday with a cake-cutting ceremony at Top of the Bay June 13. Fifteen Army recruits from the Bel Air Recruiting Station's delayed-entry program and one member of the Maryland Army National Guard's Freestate ChalleNGe Academy are sworn into service during the ceremony.

ACS hosts a three-day Army Family Action Plan Symposium at Top of the Bay, June 9 to 11.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gil Canuela, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, is the guest speaker at the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command's Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Program at the AA Recreation Center May 13.

MRICD #2 wins the intramural volleyball post champi-

onship, sweeping USMC, 21-15; 21-10.

Harford County councilwoman Veronica "Roni" Chenoweth presents a proclamation to the Freestate Chapter 70 Women's Army Corps Veterans Association during its observance of the 61st WAC anniversary in Havre de Grace May 24.

A wayward bear wandering Harford County is spotted and photographed on APG. The bear is eventually shot by a homeowner and euthanized by authorities shortly after departing the installation.

July

The ChalleNGe Academy graduates 95 during a June 21 commencement exercise at the Post Theater.

Members of the Maryland Korean War Veterans Association mark the end of the 53rd anniversary of the start of the war, announcing that its honor guard will attend the Korean War Armistice Day ceremonies in Seoul, Korea at

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The 61st Ordnance Brigade salute battery fires a three-round volley to close the APG's Patriot Day ceremony.

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the end of the month.

APG's Black Employment Program hosts its first Juneteenth celebration at Festival Park in Aberdeen.

APG and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service investigate the increase in the number of accidental eagle deaths and injuries on the installation.

The APG Police Academy graduates 27 officers during a June 26 commencement ceremony at the Post Theater.

Contractors begin the demolition phase of the Edgewood Area Chapel renovation project. Chapel services relocate to the EA Conference Center and the Aberdeen Area Chapel.

MWR hosts two "Salute the Troops" concerts for APG service members. Rap artists from Baltimore's Straight Up Records and Joppa's Small World Entertainment perform

for the 143rd Ordnance Battalion at the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, June 13, and country artist Dean Crawford and the Dunn's River Band entertains the 16th Ordnance Battalion at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center June 27.

Military and civilian leaders mark the completion of the renovation of the Edgewood Area's Canal Creek Groundwater Treatment Facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony June 27.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union celebrates 20 years of service with a ceremony at the Aberdeen branch June 26.

Freedom Fighters from Company A, 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion and the Edgewood Area's Technical Escort Unit return to APG after months of serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Norman W. Boskind, 59-year-old chairman of the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs, is killed in a motorcycle accident in Cecil County July 4.

Lt. Col. John M. Wempe assumes command of KUSAHC during a July 11 change of command ceremony. Outgoing commander Col. David D. Krieger assumes command of the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity in Heidelberg, Germany.

More than 200 attend the ACS family fun picnic at the Aberdeen Boulevard picnic area June 30. The ACS staff and military units host the event.

Golfers Herb Naylor, Norm Phillips, David Ryan and Tom Eller advance to the Mid-Atlantic Sectional Tournament of the Buick Scramble golf competition after winning a one-day tournament at Ruggles Golf Course June 22.

APG lifters Matthew Long and Margaret McLean advance to world competition level after winning the World Natural Powerlifting Federation national competition in Philadelphia, Penn. June 22.

Retired Lt. Col. Arthur "Dub" Garrett is the guest speaker at the American Legion Post #47 Armistice Day ceremony in Havre de Grace July 26.

Reginald J. Brown, assistant secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs tours OMMS classrooms, barracks and facilities during a July 24 visit to APG.

August

The Olympic Pool reopens to large crowds after the completion of its new bathhouse July 29.

APG announces that mosquitoes collected from a trap near Plumb Point Loop have tested positive for West Nile Virus. CHPPM-North from Fort Meade and KUSAHC are monitoring the situation and the Directorate of Installation Operations is continuing vigorous spraying and fogging on

the installation.

KUSAHC reports three additional mosquito traps test positive for the West Nile Virus.

The APG Garrison dining facility in building 4503 is named a finalist in the Philip A. Connelly Excellence in Food Service Award competition for the northeast region.

Lt. Col. Carol Van Schenkhof takes over as the new APG Garrison chaplain.

HHC 143rd's David Utter and Lewis Ewing win the intramural golf post championship over MRICD's Mark Samman and Brian Oldham during the Aug. 7 tournament at Ruggles Golf Course.

Brig. Gen. Mike Lenaers becomes the 32nd chief of Ordnance during an Aug. 15 ceremony on Fanshaw Field. The outgoing commander, Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, moves on to AMC.

The Federal Women's Program announces the winners of the Women's Equality Day Awards in the SBCCOM Conference Center, Aug. 14. The awardees are: Peggy M. Dymond, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Agency, FWP Woman of the Year; Dr. Brad E. Forch, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, FWP Supervisor of the Year; and MRICD, FWP Organization Most Supportive of FWP Goals.

Maj. David Jones, OC&S, and Staff Sgt. Paul Cottingham, 203rd MI, are awarded the Soldier's Medal, Aug. 12, for saving the lives of a married couple involved in a fiery crash 15 months prior.

Col. Gennady E. Platoff Jr. assumes command of MRICD from Col. James A. Romano during an Aug. 7 change of command ceremony. Romano becomes the deputy commander, Medical Research and Materiel Command at Fort Detrick.

Col. Lawrence "John" Sowa, DTC chief of staff, retires after nearly 30 years of service.

Patrick Hinch, Sue Delecio and David Pennington are the winners in the Annual Club Championship Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course.

HHC 143rd wins the intramural softball post championship over USMC, 14-12; 18-17.

September

Old friends retired Col. William Paris and Phan Van Tai, a former South Vietnamese Army Officer and political prisoner of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, meet at APG for a reunion after 38 years. The two attended the Ordnance Officer Career Course together in 1965.

The families of Saul Martinez, a toxic materiel control operator with TEU and George Martin, DLES, play host to players from Mexico and Hawaii during the Cal Ripken World Series played at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen.

APG Garrison announces that the Most Efficient Organization transition will result in a reduction in force involving more than 100 personnel.

CHPPM hosts the Sixth Annual Force Health Protection Conference and the

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Soldiers from the 16th Ordnance Battalion sing along with Country singer Dean Crawford, center, as he wraps up the finale of his "Salute the Troops" concert at the AA Recreation Center June 27.

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Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON
The cast of the 2003 Army Soldier Show sizzles to music of "All That Jazz" during a Sunday afternoon performance for the 16th Ordnance Battalion at the Post Theater Nov. 2.

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Army Medical Command Public Affairs and Marketing Conference at the Convention Center in Albuquerque, N.M., Aug. 10 to 15.

Lifeguard Lauren Constanzia saves 13-year old Ana Bunker from drowning in the Edgewood Area's Bayside Pool, Aug. 20.

Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion wins the quarterly drill and ceremony competition Aug. 2.

More than 200 youths attend the Post Chapel's Vacation Bible School program, Aug. 4 to 8.

Large crowds attend the Sept. 11 Patriot Day ceremonies held at the Aberdeen Area's Fanshaw Field and in Ripken Stadium. Soldiers from the APG All Star softball team participate in the inaugural "Battle of Guns and Hoses" softball game with Harford County emergency responders.

More than 150 attend the 15th Annual College Fair held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Aug. 21.

Thousands brave rain and wind to see country music's Lonestar and Trace Adkins during the MWR concert Sept. 12 on Shine Sports Field.

Tropical Storm Isabel brings record flooding and widespread devastation to the area, Sept. 18 and 19.

The painting "Fort McHenry, Scenes of Maryland" by ATC illustrator and artist Chris White, is introduced as the theme for the 2003 Combined Federal Campaign to start Sept. 29.

Team Unified, Civilian Welfare Fund, repeats as softball champions, beating the Army Aviation Support Facility, 24 -20 on Capa Field Sept. 11.

October

HHC 203rd MI returns from Iraq and is welcomed by Army Reserve Maj. Gen. Karol Kennedy, 99th Regional Readiness Command, Pittsburgh, Pa.

AMC announces that SBCCOM will be redesignated the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, Chemical Materials Agency and Guardian Brigade during a transformation ceremony Oct. 9.

Representatives from the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency visit APG to assist those affected by damages from Tropical Storm Isabel.

Butch Grzanka, APG Garrison operations

officer, is named winner of the Installation Management Agency Stalwart Award during the Garrison Commander's Conference in San Antonio Sept. 4.

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate wins the Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance and the Judge Advocate General's Excellence in Claims Award.

The ATC announces that Thea Blunt-Henderson, an ATC engineer, is to receive the Emerald Honor for Technical Innovation from Career Communication Group, Inc., during the Third Annual Women of Color Research Sciences and Technology Awards Conference in Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 12 and 13.

The 16th Ordnance Battalion is awarded the National Capital Area Blood Donor award for supporting Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom and the global war on terrorism during a ceremony in the battalion conference room.

APG Police Academy graduates 35 officers from Class 03-03, the academy's largest class.

Lt. Col. Stephen Moon, chaplain for the U.S. Army Installation Management Agency northeast region, is guest speaker at the APG Prayer Breakfast Oct. 15 at Top of the Bay.

CHPPM hosts its Third Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration in recognition of Hispanic-American Heritage Month at the Edgewood Area Gunpowder Club Sept. 17.

The Harlem Ambassadors, a traveling basketball road show promoting fun the drug-free way, entertains hundreds in the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center in a game against APG senior NCOs and officers, Sept. 15. The Army Substance Abuse Program sponsored the event.

The APG News produces a commemorative issue honoring the end of the three-year Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War.

November

ACS announces several events geared toward promoting Military Family Month.

Several APG Units participate in the Association of the United States Army annual meeting held Oct. 6 to 8.

Tim Daly, author of the book "Ramping Up for Profits," is the guest speaker at the National Disability Employment Awareness Month Luncheon held Oct. 29 at Top of the Bay.

The 2003 Army Soldier Show stops at APG for three performances, Nov. 1 and 2. The theme "Legacy" honors the show's inspiration, Irving Berlin.

The ABCDF restarts neutralization operations after suspending operations due to the overheating of a carbon filter drum, causing a maintenance "stand down."

Col. Mary Brown, ATC commander, receives



From, left, Col. Terry Schnaltz, deputy commander, National Ground Intelligence Center, Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Johnson, Army Reserve Lt. Col. Steve Young, and Command Sgt. Maj. Debra Kubiet, 203rd MI Battalion, present unit awards to Soldiers from companies B, C, and HHC, recently returned from Iraq during a ceremony in Victory Hall Oct. 1.

the 2003 Secretary of the Army Award for Acquisition Command during an Oct. 5 ceremony in Crystal City, Va.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and RDECOM is the guest speaker at Veterans Day observance in Aberdeen's Memorial Park Nov. 11.

APG retires eight in October. The retirees are Sgts. 1st Class Clifford D. Darnell, Daryl Gousby and Jesus L. Sepulveda; Staff Sgt. Dorris A. Tisdale; Elaine R. Wetherrell; Mary C. Krouse; Irene C. Sheppard; and Jerry L. Wade.

Storyteller Ragghi Rain Tsesuna Rayning Tears Calentine is the guest speaker and flutist Jeff Ball is the guest musician at the APG Ninth Annual Native American celebration at Top of the Bay Nov. 5. The 2003 theme is "Strengthening the Spirit of Our Nation."

APG lifts Robert Pope, Matt Long and Margaret McLean become world champions after winning the World Natural Powerlifting

Federation championship competition in their respective categories, Oct. 24 to 26, in Edison, N.J.

Capt. Matthew A Moser takes over as the MRICD headquarters detachment commander Oct. 31.

The first APG Job Fair co-sponsored by the ACS Employment Readiness Program and the Freestate ChalleNGE Academy draws more than 300 job seekers to Top of the Bay Nov. 17.

Company B, 143rd wins the intramural football post championship over Company B 16th, 28-7.

December

APG leaders join Harford County partners in opening the new Perryman Granular Activated Carbon Water Treatment Facility Nov. 7. The facility is the result of a six-year effort between the county and APG.

The new Troop Store in building 4224 on the Edgewood Area reopens for business Oct. 28.

Inspectors from the Department of the Army

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Kirk offers classes

The following classes will be held at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. For more information and to register for classes call Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964.

Evening tobacco cessation

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., Jan. 13, 20, 27, and Feb. 3, in the Behavioral Health Conference Room 316, on the third floor. Pre-registration is required. All TRICARE PRIME beneficiaries are invited to attend.

Diabetes education

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Wednesday evenings 6 to 8 p.m., Jan. 28, and Feb. 4, 11, and 18, in the Behavioral Health Conference Room 316 on the third floor. All TRICARE-enrolled individuals with diabetes or parents or sponsors of a diabetic are invited to attend.

Take Care of Yourself Class

Class is held on the third Thursday every month, 10 a.m. to noon in the Preventive Medicine Clinic on the third floor. Patients will be taught how to treat minor illnesses and injuries at home, and instructed when to see a doctor. Participants will be given medical cards, which will allow them to pick up specific over-the-counter medications without a prescription. The January class will be held Jan. 15.

JHU Environmental Courses at HEAT Center

Johns Hopkins University offers a course in geographic information systems at HEAT, as part of its Part-Time Engineering (PTE) new master of science in environmental planning and management degree. The course, along with a variety of online courses in PTE's three-tiered Environmental Engineering Master's Program will be offered in the spring term. The new degree complements

the master of environmental engineering and environmental masters program.

For more comprehensive overview of the environmental course options available at HEAT and other JHU campuses, visit the Web site at www.jhu.edu/pte or e-mail at pte@jhu.edu.

HCC Spring Credit Classes

Register now for Harford Community College's spring credit classes at the APG Education Center, building 3146 on Raritan Avenue. Registration hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and alternate Fridays, Jan. 16 and 30. Classes start Jan. 21.

Students can also register at HCC through Jan. 20 from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday. Students may also register for courses by mail or FAX through January 20.

For more information, call 410-272-2338, or the Office of Registration and Records at 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222.

Nominations for William H. Kushnick, John W. Macy Jr. Awards

Nominations for the William H. Kushnick Award and the John W. Macy Jr. Award for CY 2003 are due to the Office of the Assistant G-1 for Civilian Personnel Policy, Policy and Program Development Division, by close of business Jan. 30.

These awards recognize outstanding achievements of Department of the Army civilians. All civilian employees, appropriated fund and non-appropriated fund, U.S. citizens, and local nationals engaged in Civilian personnel administration in the Department of the Army (DA) are eligible for nomination for the William H. Kushnick Award. Any DA supervisor,

military or Civilian (Colonel/GS-15 or below), U.S. citizen or local national, appropriated or non-appropriated fund, is eligible for nomination for the John W. Macy Jr. Award.

Requirements for the nomination may be found at <http://cpol.army.mil>.

For more information, call Dolores Miranda at DSN 221-6641 or 703-325-6641, or e-mail Dolores.Miranda@asamra.hoffman.army.mil.

For more information on the William H. Kushnick Award, see <http://www.cpol.army.mil/permis/5493.html>. For more information on the John W. Macy Jr. Award, see <http://cpol.army.mil/permis/5494.html>.

Possible delays at gate

APG Garrison has begun constructing shelters at APG's entrance gates for protection from winter weather during vehicle inspections.

The construction may cause delays upon entering and exiting the installation.

For traffic issues, call Officer Joe Davis, acting traffic division supervisor, 410-278-5451.

For construction questions, call Greg Bryant, contracting officer representative, 410-306-1178.

EA Shoppette begins new hours

The Edgewood Area Shoppette, building E-4010, will be open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Civilians are authorized to purchase food items.

The shoppette carries frozen food, quarter pounders with cheese, chicken sandwiches, rib sandwiches, Krispy Kreme donuts, new items and special request items.

FEMA Helpline hours change

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that the

hours of operation for the toll-free Helpline serving Marylanders affected by Hurricane Isabel have changed to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Individuals who have applied for disaster assistance from FEMA and have questions about their application may call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), or TTY 1-800-462-7585. Helpline operators are available to assist callers with questions on the status of their disaster assistance application, change of applicant's address or other application information, how insurance settlements affect disaster assistance applications, or other questions about assistance.

NAF employees receive credit for military service

Regular Nonappropriated Fund employees participating in the NAF Retirement Program may be eligible to purchase certain prior military service to be credited for NAF retirement benefit computations.

Employees having previous creditable military service, that has not been used under any other employer's retirement system, may wish to purchase their military service (not to exceed five years) to be credited for NAF retirement benefit computation purposes.

The entire deposit must be paid to the USANAF Employment Retirement Plan before Separation for Retirement or the post military service will not be credited.

For employees participating in the Plan on Jan. 1, 1998, interest is first added to the unpaid balance of the deposit on Jan. 1, 2001.

For further information or an appointment, employees are encouraged to call NAF Personnel, Julie Bates, 410-278-8994, or Jean Futti, 410-278-8993.

ARL hearing study

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory is conducting a study on hearing.

Participants need to be 18 to

30 years old with normal hearing.

The time commitment is 5 hours, and each participant will be paid \$10 per hour. Employees of ARL and their relatives are not eligible. Interested volunteers should call Justin MacDonald, 410-278-5925, or e-mail him at jmacdonald@arl.army.mil; or Martha Dennison, 410-278-5918, or e-mail her at mjdennis@arl.army.mil.

Toastmasters meet in Edgewood Area

The Gunpowder Toastmasters Club 2562 meets on the first and third Monday of every month at 11:40 a.m. at The Gunpowder Club.

The lunchtime club offers an opportunity for people to improve communication, leadership and listening skills and to overcome fear of public speaking.

For more information, call 410-941-1120 or 410-734-6573.

Employee LES changes

Effective with the pay period ending Jan. 24, Social Security numbers will be "masked" and only the last four digits will show on civilian employees' printed Leave and Earning Statements.

This change should help protect employees against identity theft. Only the printed LES will reflect the change and the full nine-digit SSN numbers will be visible on the LES electronically on myPay.

CWF hosts trips

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a trip to Broadway, in New York City to see "The Lion King" on April 17. Cost of the trip is \$135 per person and includes charter bus transportation and theater ticket. The bus will depart from the Aberdeen Area 6 a.m. The show begins 2 p.m., leaving time for shopping, touring and lunch prior to the show. They also will sponsor a trip to Scotland, May 11 through 19.

Trip highlights include a

ferry to the Isle of Skye, Edinburgh Castle, Loch Ness, sightseeing with local guides to a malt whiskey distillery, the Duke of Athol's Blair Castle, the Museum of the Isles on the Isle of Skye, Inverewe Gardens, and more.

Cost per person is \$2,250 for single occupancy, \$1,999 each for double-occupancy, and \$1,960.00 each for triple-occupancy.

Price includes airfare, hotel accommodations, tour guides, motor coach transportation in Scotland, seven Scottish breakfasts, five three-course dinners, taxes, tours, and tips for baggage handlers. A \$200 deposit per person is due upon reservation.

For more information or to make reservations, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

After Hours Clinic

The After Hours Clinic at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is closed on Sundays and holidays. Patients needing advice on health care can call the Nurse Advice Line at 1-800-308-3518.

For an emergency, call '911' or go to the nearest hospital emergency room.

Database of scholarships

All personnel in the military community, including dependents, are encouraged to search MilitaryReport.com's Education Center scholarship database, which has a listing of \$300 million in scholarship funds.

In addition to the scholarship search available, the educational services provide comprehensive and updated information on educational benefits, such as the G.I. Bill, Veterans Educational Assistance Program and Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program.

To access these education services, visit Web site <http://www.military.com/Careers/Education/1,13289,,00.html?ESRC=mr.nl>.

Community Notes

**FRIDAY
JANUARY 9
AMERICAN LEGION
HOSTS COMEDY SHOW**

American Legion Post 128, 44 North Parke Street, Aberdeen, will host a comedy show 7 to 10 p.m. with proceeds benefitting World War II veterans' memorial programs. The show will feature comedy by John Dodge and Uncle Nic as well as Jim Bishop, who has appeared on Comedy Central and performs regularly in Atlantic City, N.J.

Cost is \$10 per person and includes finger food, draft beer and sodas. For reservations, call 410-272-9822.

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 10
CHEMISTRY CRAZE**

The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is sponsoring Chemistry Craze, 2 to 4 p.m. for ages 9 to 12. Why is the water green? How do they remove bad smells from water? Investigate the effects of chemical pollutants on the estuary's waters and practice some "water cleaning" techniques. The cost is \$6.

Reservations are required and space is limited. For more information, directions, or to make a reservation, call the Estuary Center at 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000 extension 1688. The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is located in southern Harford County, just east of Edgewood and 18 miles northeast of Baltimore City at 700 Otter Point Road, Abingdon.

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 10
WINTER'S DAY LOW
TIDE EXPLORATION**

The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is sponsoring Winter's Day Low Tide Exploration, 3 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. Explore the shore of Otter Point Creek during low tide without getting wet, then hike back through the woods. When the water recedes, there is a lot to see. Wear sturdy hiking boots for this long hike.

Reservations are required and space is limited. For more information call the Estuary Center at 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000 extension 1688.

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 11
WINTER WONDERS
DISCOVERY HIKE AT
BOSELY**

The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is sponsoring a program called Winter Wonders Discovery Hike at Bosely, 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 8 to adult. Walk with a naturalist in search of signs of beaver and other winter wildlife activity. For more information, directions, or to make a reservation, call the Estuary Center at 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000 extension 1688. The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is located in southern Harford County, just east of Edgewood and 18 miles northeast of Baltimore City at 700 Otter Point Road, Abingdon.

**TUESDAY
JANUARY 13
MONEY FOR COLLEGE
SEMINAR**

Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union is offering this free to the public seminar, 6 to 7 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room at APGFCU Operations Center in Edgewood, 1321 Pulaski Highway. To reserve a space, call 410-893-7359 or e-mail tripken@apgfcu.com. Snow date is Jan. 14, same time and place.

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 17
WINTER TREE MYSTERY**

The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is sponsoring Winter Tree Mystery, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 6 to 10. Walk in the park with a Naturalist as we search for clues to solve the tree identification mystery. For more information call the Estuary Center at 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000 extension 1688.

**TUESDAY
JANUARY 20
ITALIAN SPECIALTY
MEAL**

The Italian Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, for dinner, 5:30 to 7 p.m. All military personnel, family members, department of defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.30 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family

member of sergeant or above, department of defense civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$2.85 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Italian Specialty Meal menu includes minestrone soup, spaghetti with choice of meatballs or Italian sausage, baked lasagna, cheese tortellini with alfredo sauce and peas, chicken cacciatore, Mariano sauce/pesto sauce, pasta Toscano, herb roasted veal, veal parmesan, rosemary roasted potato wedges, Italian style sautéed squash, peas with mushrooms, assorted salad bar, pasta salads, mixed olives and pepperocini peppers, country tomato salad, toasted garlic bread, assorted pastries, soft serve yogurt with assorted toppings, assorted condiments and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.


For more information, call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green at 410-306-1393/1398.

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 22
RETIREMENT
PLANNING AND
ESTATE CONSERVATION**


Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union is offering this free seminar to the public, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room at APGFCU Operations Center 1321 Pulaski Highway, Edgewood. Topics include

MOVIES


ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50, building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard. To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.



TIMELINE
Friday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.
Starring: Paul Walker, Frances O'Connor



GOTHIKA (FREE ADMISSION)
Saturday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m.
Starring: Halle Berry, Robert Downey Jr.



TUPAC: RESURRECTION
Saturday, Jan. 10
Starring: Tupac Shakur

Tupac: Resurrection is the first authorized biopic of the late rapper-actor Tupac Shakur. It includes poetry reading, musical clips, and video from his life, including various interviews, private home movies, and previously unreleased concert footage. (Rated R)

reverse mortgages, cost of retirement, sources of income, taxes, long-term care and developing an action list. To reserve a seat, call 410-272-4000, ext. 5451.

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 24
BASKET BINGO**
The Military and Civilian Spouses' Club will sponsor Basket Bingo, 7 p.m., at the Edgewood Area Gunpowder Club. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per ticket

for three cards and additional sets of three cards cost \$5. Tickets will also be sold at the door if available. Food, a bake sale and drinks will be available and there will be door prizes, special games and raffles.

Visitors can obtain a pass onto post with any valid picture ID at the gate.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Amy Carlson at 410-939-6429, or Susan Burnett at 410-272-8438.



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Activities

Methods of registration

Register for any MWR event by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting the MWR Registration, building 3326, or online at www.apgmwr.com.

Leaping ski trip getaway

Take a motorcoach trip to the Poconos, Pa., for skiing or relaxation.



<http://www.poconoski.com>

Stay two nights in the Ramada Inn Hotel, Feb. 27 through 29, receive meals and a premium open bar. Cost is \$209 (quad), \$229 (triple) and \$239 (double).

Pick up and return locations to be determined by number of registered patrons. Deposit of \$65 is due on Jan. 9.

Travel to Foxwoods Casino for the Weekend

It's a 'sweetheart' special that includes hotel room at the Foxwoods Casino Two Trees Inn, Feb. 6 through 8, \$10 food credit or full festival buffet, \$5 food credit of full breakfast buffet, \$20 match play coupons, \$5 pull tab, 20 percent discount at any Foxwoods Gift Shop with purchase, free souvenir, two for one Cinetropolis ticket, and \$2 off museum coupon.

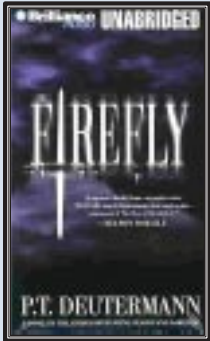
Two Trees Inn offers Foxwoods' guests an indoor pool and fitness room, a gift shop and a 24-hour courtesy casino shuttle. The 280-room inn has its own restaurant and lounge..

Cost for is \$334 (single), \$230 (double), or \$206 (triple). Register by Jan. 16.



LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The following is a list of some new books at the APG MWR libraries:



The Firefly, by Peter Deutermann

At a clinic in D.C., a medical team is completing plastic surgery on a client altering his face when the operating room erupts in gunfire, and the patient disappears. Retired Secret Service Agent Swamp Morgan investigates this "firefly," a small but credible threat against the president. As Swamp begins what he thinks is a routine check, the missing client pursues his mission: to launch an attack on the inauguration that will wipe out the outgoing and incoming governments.



Double Vision, by Pat Barker

Kiss Them Goodbye, by Stella Cameron



Sacred Time, by Ursula Hegi



In the Presence of Mine Enemies, by Harry Turtledove

You can find the library's online catalog, as well as a complete annotated listing of the library's new material at: www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html.

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Edgewood Area library is open Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

The library's Web site, www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html, provides access to the library's online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library's new material.

Beef

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used in food consumed by Americans. Those parts were removed from the infected cow before any of it could enter the meat supply."

USDA investigators have determined that the recalled meat went to a few commercial markets in Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana and Guam as well as Washington state, Oregon, California and Nevada. "No commissaries received any of those shipments," Wolken emphasized. "But I can certainly understand customers having concerns and questions. We're all affected by this - we're all concerned."

Aberdeen Proving Ground commissary manager Tammy Spickler stated that all meats can be returned to the APG Commissary if the customer has a receipt.

Mad cow is a fatal disease that destroys the brains of the infected animal. It is caused in cattle by misshapen proteins called prions and is thought to be spread from animal to animal through contaminated feed. A rare form of the disease in humans known as variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease has been linked to the consumption of contaminated beef products.

The approximately 140 deaths linked to "mad cow" since the mid-90s have mainly been in Britain.

For the latest developments on the current situation as well as for links to the USDA and other information on recalls and food safety, commissary customers should check the food safety link at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

Commissaries benefit military families

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of nearly 280 commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones.

Shoppers save an average of 32 percent or more on their purchases compared to commercial prices - savings worth about \$2,700 annually for a family of four.

A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

LEAVE DONATION

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program should contact Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988, or e-mail rondamckinney@usag.apg.army.mil, to complete a termination form.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Mildred T. Becker (surgery)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)
Patricia Burcham (caring for father, Arthur Cummings, ATC retired)
Jane E. Calahan
Jackie Childress
Joseph Dugan
David Fletcher
Renee Gaffney
John Gage
Edgar W. Greer
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasitosis, fibromyalgia condition)
Richard Hoffman
Beth Kelly
Beverly King (caring for husband)
Pamela Klinger
Danny Kopp (lung cancer)

William B. McLean (kidney failure)
Shirley M. Orłowicz (back surgery)
Calvin E. Peake
Karen S. Pense
Linda M. D. Queen
Tess Ramos (lung surgery)
Michael Reynolds
Cheryl L. Roark
Matthew Ryan
Lori Scherzo
Marquerite Soper
Eunice Thompson
Alison Tichenor
Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)
Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)

Tax

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Extended duty is a period of duty that exceeds 90 days or that is indefinite.

If the taxpayer, or the spouse, is serving this duty in a location that is 50 miles or more away from their personal residence or if they are ordered to live in government-furnished quarters while serving this duty, then this duty is considered a qualified official extended duty.

This tax relief is retroactive to May 7, 1997.

Although taxpayers normally have only three years to file an amended return, qualifying taxpayers who sold a residence before 2001 have until Nov. 10, 2004 to amend their returns for this purpose.

Dependent care assistance programs

This exclusion is effective for tax years after 2002 and clarifies that certain dependent care assistance programs for military personnel are excludable from gross income.

Defense homeowners assistance program

Effective for payments received after Nov. 11, 2003, this provision allows military

personnel to exclude from gross income certain fringe benefits received to offset the adverse effects on housing values as a result of a military base realignment or closure.

This amount will not be considered wages for FICA taxes.

Combat zone extensions expanded to contingency operations

The various extensions granted to combat zone participants to file returns or pay taxes will apply to those serving in 'contingency operations.'

A contingency operation is designated by the Secretary of Defense as an operation in which members of the armed forces are or may become involved in military actions, operations, or hostilities against an enemy of the United States or against an opposing military force.

This is effective for any acts whose deadline has not expired before Nov. 11, 2003.

Military academy attendees

The 10 percent tax on distributions from a Qualified Tuition Program or a Coverdell Education Savings Account that are not used for educational expenses does not apply to attendees of the U.S.

Military, Naval, Air Force, Coast Guard or Merchant Marine academies.

The distribution cannot exceed the cost of the advanced education. This provision is in effect for tax years 2003 and later.

Above-the-line deduction for overnight travel expenses of National Guard and Reserve members

Members of the National Guard or Reserves that must travel away from home to perform duty (for example, for a drill or a meeting) in a location that is more than 100 miles away from their home, are allowed an above-the-line deduction for related travel expenses incurred.

An above-the-line deduction is a deduction taken against adjusted gross income, whether the taxpayer itemizes deductions or not.

For this provision, allowable expenses include expenses for overnight transportation, meals, and lodging. The amount of the allowable expenses cannot exceed the federal government daily per diem amounts applicable for that location. This provision is in effect for tax-years 2003 and later.

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and the International Food Service Executives Association evaluate the Garrison dining facility in building 4305 as the final step in selecting the dining facility of the year in the large category.

APG family child care providers Tracy Zapata, Haley Johnson, Tamara Shamlee and Penny Humphrey are awarded Child Development Associate Credentials by the Council for Early Childhood professional Recognition for their outstanding work with children.

Sean Hannon, the son of Marine Staff Sgt. Pat Hannon, is promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout during a Nov. 7 ceremony at the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum.

OC&S awards participants in its Native American History Month theme competition. The winners are NCOA Class 512-03, display winner; Patsy Lewis, OC&S academic records section, essay winner; Sgt. 1st Class Charles Marrs, ANCOC Class 511-03, essay runner-up; and Ruth Rivera, Aberdeen Middle School, display runner-up.

USMC wins the 2003 Commander's Cup with three division wins and one post championship. Second place goes to Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion and MRICD takes third place. The Unit Sportsmanship Award went to Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion and Sgt. Bryon Pieper, MRICD, won the award for Sports Representative of the Year.

APG retirees for November are Master Sgt. Edward Allen, KUSAHC; Staff Sgt. Bernard DeWitt, Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion; and Billy W. Russell, TEU.

Blair Cross, former chairman of the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs is named the Maryland Veteran of the Year, 2003-2004 by the Joint Veterans Committee.

The Maryland Youth Corps Freestate ChalleNGe Academy marks its 10 Anniversary with a class reunion at the 5th Regiment Armory in Baltimore Oct. 25.

With assistance from the USO, the Ordnance Center and Schools sees off more than 1,000 service members on Exodus leave from Baltimore-Washington International Airport Dec. 19.

Service members, family members, and politicians welcome back Army Reserve and National Guard units to APG from Operation Iraqi Freedom. Members of the 115th and 324th Military Police battalions return the week of Dec. 17.



Capt. Joseph Gilbert, 203rd Military Intelligence Battalion, carries Kelby, the dog he befriended while stationed in Iraq, out of the Air France cargo terminal at Dulles International Airport, Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Day, after her arrival from overseas. Queen Noor of Jordan paid to have Kelby and several other animals left homeless or uncared for by the Iraq War, transported to Jordan and beyond for safe keeping.

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